

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine comprising:
a variable display device for variably displaying symbols; and
an electric display device disposed in front of the variable display device,
and having a light transparent area which shows symbols displayed on the
variable display device, from outside of the gaming machine,
wherein said electric display device includes:
an electric display panel displaying an image,
a light guiding plate having an opposing pair of flat surfaces and a plurality
of contiguous side faces extending therebetween and peripherally about the pair
of flat surfaces, the light guiding plate operative for guiding light entered from at
least one side face thereof to a back face of the electric display panel so as to
irradiate the light, and
an illumination device illuminating the electric display panel from
therebehind, the illumination device including a plurality of light emitting diodes
aligned continuously along and adjacent to the at least one side face of the light
guiding plate.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine comprising:
a variable display device for variably displaying symbols; and
an electric display device disposed in front of the variable display device,
and having a light transparent area which shows symbols displayed on the
variable display device, from outside of the gaming machine,
wherein said electric display device includes:
an electric display panel displaying an image,
a diffusion sheet, and
an illumination device,

wherein the illumination device comprises a plate-shaped board and a plurality of light emitting diodes provided in a plurality of rows and columns to form a matrix on a surface of the plate-shaped board, the plurality of light emitting diodes opposing a back face of the diffusion sheet and

the diffusion sheet being disposed between the electric display panel and the illumination device.

4. (Previously Presented) A game machine comprising:
a variable display device for variably displaying symbols; and
an electric display device disposed in front of the variable display device and having a light transparent area which shows symbols displayed on the variable display device from outside of the gaming machine,

wherein said electric display device includes:

an electric display panel displaying an image,

a light guide plate having an opposing pair of flat surfaces and a plurality of contiguous side faces extending therebetween and peripherally about the pair of flat surfaces, the light guiding plate operative for guiding light entered from at least one side face thereof to a back face of the electric display panel so as to irradiate the light,

an illumination device illuminating the electric display panel from therebehind, the illumination device including a plurality of light emitting diodes aligned continuously along and adjacent to the at least one side face of the light guide plate, and

a reflection plate disposed between said variable display device and said light guiding plate for reflecting light emitted from said emitting diodes on said light guide plate to said electric display panel.

5. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine according to claim 4, further comprising a diffusion sheet, wherein the plurality of light emitting diodes oppose a back face of the diffusion sheet.

6. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine according to claim 4, further comprising a diffusion sheet, wherein the diffusion sheet is disposed between the electric display panel and the illumination device.
7. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine according to claim 4, further comprising a diffusion sheet, wherein the plurality of light emitting diodes oppose a back face of the diffusion sheet and the diffusion sheet is disposed between the electric display panel and the illumination device.
8. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the light guiding plate is disposed between the electric display device and the variable display device; the illumination device is disposed between the electric display device and the variable display device; and the illumination device is operable for illuminating the electric display panel from therebehind via tile light guiding plate.
9. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 3, wherein the diffusion sheet is disposed between the electric display device and the variable display device, and the illumination device is disposed between the electric display device and the variable display device.
10. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein the light guiding plate is disposed between the electric display device.
11. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the electric display device displays the image in accordance with the progress of a game which is executed in the gaming machine and the light emitting diodes are controlled in accordance with the progress of the game which is executed in the gaming machine.
12. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 3, wherein the electric display device displays the image in accordance with the progress of a game which is executed in the gaming machine and the light emitting diodes are controlled in accordance with the progress of the game which is executed in the

gaming machine.

13. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein the electric display device displays the image in accordance with the progress of a game which is executed in the gaming machine and the light emitting diodes are controlled in accordance with the progress of the game which is executed in the gaming machine.